Miss AMERICA
IN
THE PASSWORD IS "MURDER"!
THE STORY THUS FAR...
WHILE MISS AMERICA WAS LEFT IN A BURNING SHACK, THE RUTHLESS ADVENTURER, VELASQUESA, SET OUT AFTER REX, THE NAZI AGENT IN POSSESSION OF A MICROFILM FORMULA FOR A WEAPON DEADLIER THAN THE ATOM BOMB, ALSO COVETED BY VELASQUESA! BUT THE DARING MISS AMERICA HAVING ESCAPED THE FLAMING TRAP BEGINS A PLAN OF ACTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE VELASQUESA, HER ONE LINK TO REX!
- CHAPTER VI -
MICROFILM

MISS AMERICA STARTS HER SEARCH...
IT'S DAWN AND THE SHOPS ARE OPENING. I'LL START HERE. IF ONLY I CAN FIND THE PLACE VELASQUESA ORDERED THE CASES OF AGUAMARA FROM!
WINE SHOP
AGUAMARA? I'VE NOT HAD IT IN STOCK FOR TWO YEARS! BUT I HAVE SOME MADEIRA, --EXQUISITE! SAMPLE A BIT WITHOUT CHARGE!
NO THANK YOU!
AFTER MANY FUTILE CALLS...
SI, SI! I SELL AGUAMARA, BUT SELDOM MORE THAN A BOTTLE OR TWO AT A TIME! BUT MY COUSIN HAS A CUSTOMER WHO BUYS CASES FULL!
HE HAS? WHERE'S YOUR COUSIN'S SHOP?
AT LAST! THE LONG SOUGHT ADDRESS!
I DELIVER THE AGUAMARA TO 302 SAN DONO ROAD. TWO MEN ALWAYS PAY ME. THEIR NAMES I DO NOT KNOW, BUT THEY LOOK LIKE NORTH AMERICANS!
MUCHAS GRACIAS, SENOR!
VELASQUESA'S MEN! AND I HAVE A PAYMENT FOR THEM!
AND AS MISS AMERICA SPEEDS ON HER PERILOUS QUEST---
BAH! I'VE WORKED ALL NIGHT TO DEVELOP THIS MICROFILM! NONE OF THE PROCESSES TOOK! NOW IF THIS H2 DOESN'T...
HERR REX! SOMETHING COMES ON THE FILM NOW!
"DISAPPOINTMENT!!!
WHAT! IT SAYS "TO WHOEVER STEALS THIS:- THE SUN RAY CONDENSER HAS ALREADY BEEN SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER -- A WARNING--- FORGET IT!"
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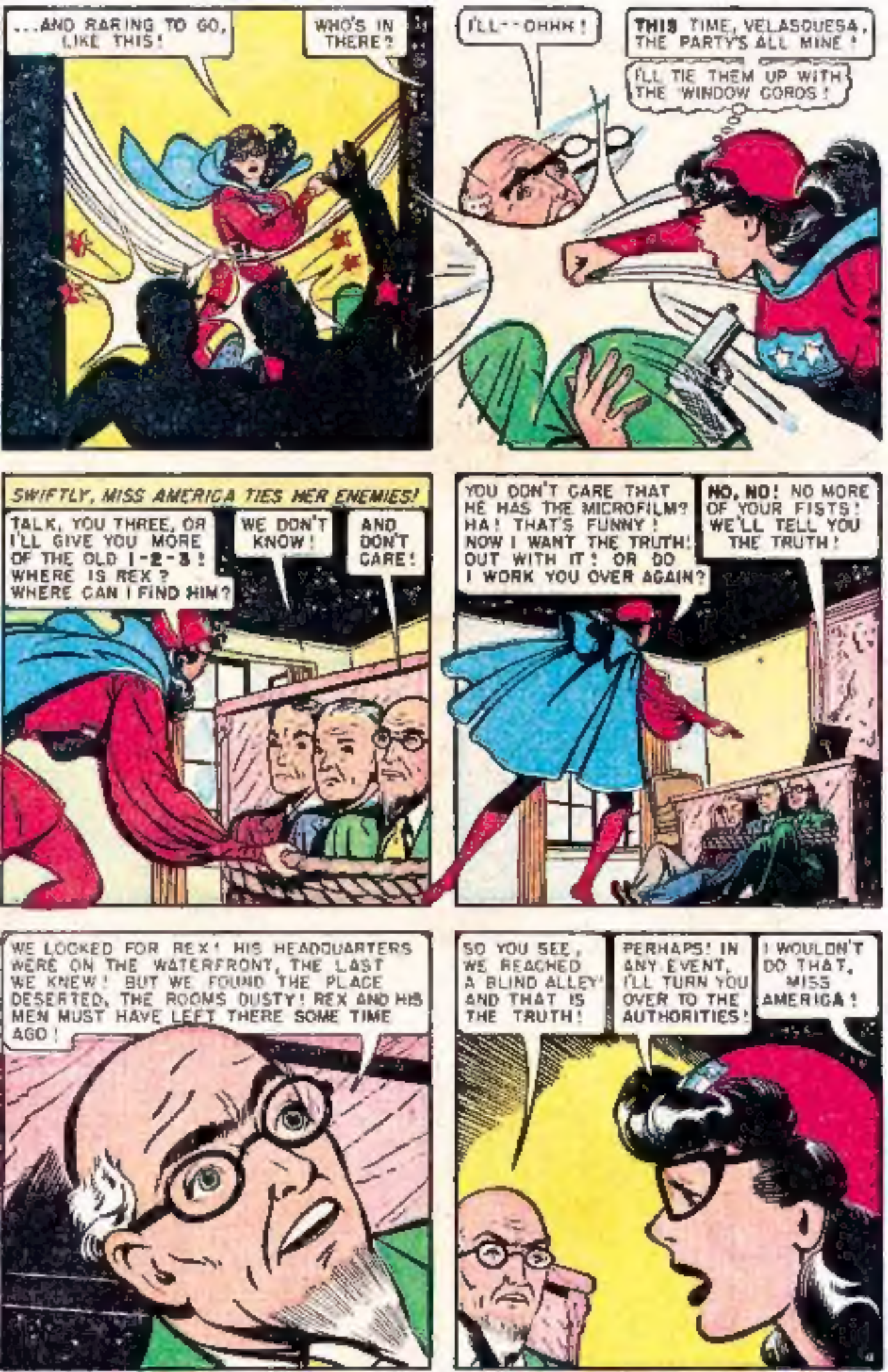
SO! THIS MICROFILM'S A FAKE! ELISE'S DOINGS! THAT LITTLE CHEAT TRUMPED UP THIS MESSAGE! TRYING TO RESIST GIVING UP THIS FILM WAS HER WAY OF PLAYING INNOCENT!
RIP!
CRACK!
BUT WE TOOK THIS FAKE MICROFILM FROM MISS AMERICA, HERR REX!
THAT'S SO, GAIRO! SO THE CLEVER MISS AMERICA WAS ALSO TRICKED BY THAT VIXEN ELISE! SHE TOOK THE FILM FROM ELISE THINKING IT THE REAL THING! BUT WE'LL GET THE FORMULA -- AND SOON! NEVER FEAR!
I'VE A GOOD HUNCH WITH WHOM ELISE DEALT! WE CAN'T FAIL THIS TIME! WITH A WEAPON THAT CAN THOROUGHLY DESTROY THE DEMOCRACIES, THE MIGHTIEST WEAPON OF ALL IN OUR POSSESSION - HA! BY HEAVENS, WE MUST GET THAT MICROFILM!
MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY - - -
HERE'S NUMBER 302, VELASQUESA'S VILLA. I'M COUNTING ON GETTING TO REX THROUGH HIM! OF COURSE, VELASQUESA MAY ALREADY HAVE PAID HIS VISIT -- MAY EVEN HAVE SNATCHED THE FILM!
. . . THAT'S WHAT I MUST FIND OUT! NO NEED TO BE POLITE AND KNOCK ON DOORS!
NOW WHAT? WE CAN'T FIND -- LOOK!
MISS AMERICA! STILL ALIVE!


...AND RARING TO GO, LIKE THIS!
WHO'S IN THERE?
I'LL--OHHH!
THIS TIME, VELASQUESA, THE PARTY'S ALL MINE!
I'LL TIE THEM UP WITH THE WINDOW CORDS!
SWIFTLY, MISS AMERICA TIES HER ENEMIES!
TALK, YOU THREE, OR I'LL GIVE YOU MORE OF THE OLD 1-2-3! WHERE IS REX? WHERE CAN I FIND HIM?
WE DON'T KNOW!
AND DON'T CARE!
YOU DON'T CARE THAT HE HAS THE MICROFILM? HA! THAT'S FUNNY! NOW I WANT THE TRUTH! OUT WITH IT! OR DO I WORK YOU OVER AGAIN?
NO, NO! NO MORE OF YOUR FISTS! WE'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH!
WE LOOKED FOR REX! HIS HEADQUARTERS WERE ON THE WATERFRONT, THE LAST WE KNEW! BUT WE FOUND THE PLACE DESERTED, THE ROOMS DUSTY! REX AND HIS MEN MUST HAVE LEFT THERE SOME TIME AGO!
SO YOU SEE, WE REACHED A BLIND ALLEY AND THAT IS THE TRUTH!
PERHAPS! IN ANY EVENT, I'LL TURN YOU OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES!
I WOULDN'T DO THAT, MISS AMERICA!

REX!
HERE TO GET THE MICROFILM FORMULA FROM VELASQUESA! YOU WILL NOT STOP ME, MISS AMERICA! BRUNWALD, CAIRO, KEEP YOUR GUNS LEVELLED AT HER!
AND NOW, WHERE'S THAT MICROFILM? ELISE DOUBLE-CROSSED ME WITH A FAKE ONE! SHE MUST HAVE SOLD THE REAL ONE TO YOU!
NO, I SWEAR ON BIBLES! WE THOUGHT YOU HAD IT!
WHAT!
THEY'RE SO STUNNED, THEY'RE OFF GUARD! NOW'S MY CHANCE!
FLASH—! ACTION—!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO USE THE AUTOMATIC YOU JUST WHIPPED OUT!
AND MEANTIME, VELASQUESA ---
GOOD FORTUNE! SHE'S STANDING AT THE IDEAL SPOT! ONE TOUCH OF THIS BUTTON, AND ---!
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VELASQUESA'S FINGER PRESSES DOWNWARD, AND ONE SPLIT SECOND LATER...
---AS THE FAMED FIGURE LIES INSENSIBLE UNDER THE CRUSHING WEIGHT---
YOU LIKE THAT, REX? I KEEP "TRAP" OBJECTS FOR JUST SUCH EMERGENCIES!
VERY GOOD! CAIRO, YOU HAVE BROUGHT CHLOROFORM! GIVE HER A STRONG DOSE. QUICK!
AS FOR YOU, I MIGHT KILL YOU RIGHT NOW!
YOU GAIN NOTHING BY OUR DEATHS! RELEASE US AND WE WILL HELP YOU LOCATE THE BRACELET! YOU HAVEN'T IT, I HAVEN'T IT, BUT PERHAPS TOGETHER-
...MMM, PERHAPS! WHAT'S YOUR PRICE IF YOU FIND IT? I KNOW YOU ARE AN ADVENTURER--WITH A PRICE!
I WAS TO BUY IT FROM ELISE FOR $100,000--TO RESELL TO A CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL FIGURE. BUT AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE, I HAVE NO LONGER SUCH HONORABLE INTENTIONS! I'LL STEAL--UH, TAKE IT--IF I LOCATE IT, SO...
I'LL SELL IT TO YOU AT THE BARGAIN PRICE OF $50,000!
IF YOU LOCATE IT, AGREED! I'LL RELEASE YOU--MMM, THIS BLADE'S SHARP ENOUGH TO CUT YOUR ROPES--AND TO CUT YOUR THROATS--IF YOU DOUBLE-CROSS ME!
SHE'S HEAVILY CHLOROFORMED!
VERY GOOD! WE WILL TAKE HER TO OUR HEADQUARTERS AND TAKE CARE OF HER!
BY THE WAY, REX, WHERE ARE YOUR NEW QUARTERS?
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SHOULD I ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION, I'LL HAVE TO CONTACT YOU!
I PREFER MY PRESENT QUARTERS TO REMAIN A SECRET! I'LL CONTACT YOU! AND REMEMBER OUR BARGAIN, IF YOU AND YOUR MEN VALUE YOUR LIVES!
THEY'RE GONE! WHAT DO WE DO, STICK TO THE BARGAIN?
YES, THAT REX IS A KILLER! I WONDER IF THE MICROFILM WAS DISPOSED OF---OR--?
CABLE
AND WHILE CRAFTY HEADS PONDER, LET US TURN BACK A FEW HOURS TO COUNTERSPY HEADQUARTERS, AND A CERTAIN CODE CABLE FROM MISS AMERICA, A MESSAGE DIRECTING THEM TO PICK UP MRS. VARNHAM, THAT LADY OF FALSE INNOCENCE, WHO HAD ALREADY GIVEN MADELEINE JOYCE THE MYSTERY BRACELET!
BUT WHEN THE AGENTS REACH MRS. VARNHAM'S APARTMENT...
SHE'S GONE ALL RIGHT!
CLEARED OUT COMPLETELY!
WE RETURN TO ARGENTINA AND A PLANE LANDING AT AN AIRPORT NEAR BUENOS AIRES.
A PERFECT TRIP! WITH THIS DISGUISE NO ONE SUSPECTED I AM ACTUALLY MRS. VARNHAM! AND WITH MY PASSPORT IN PERFECT ORDER AS MRS. RUTGERS...
...EVERYTHING'S PERFECT! HOW CLEVER I WAS TO GIVE THAT FALSE BRACELET TO MADELEINE JOYCE KNOWING HOW MANY WOULD BE AFTER IT, WHILE I, UNNOTICED, BRING IN THE REAL MICROFILM!
AND, MISS AMERICA IS HELPLESS IN ENEMY CLUTCHES!
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